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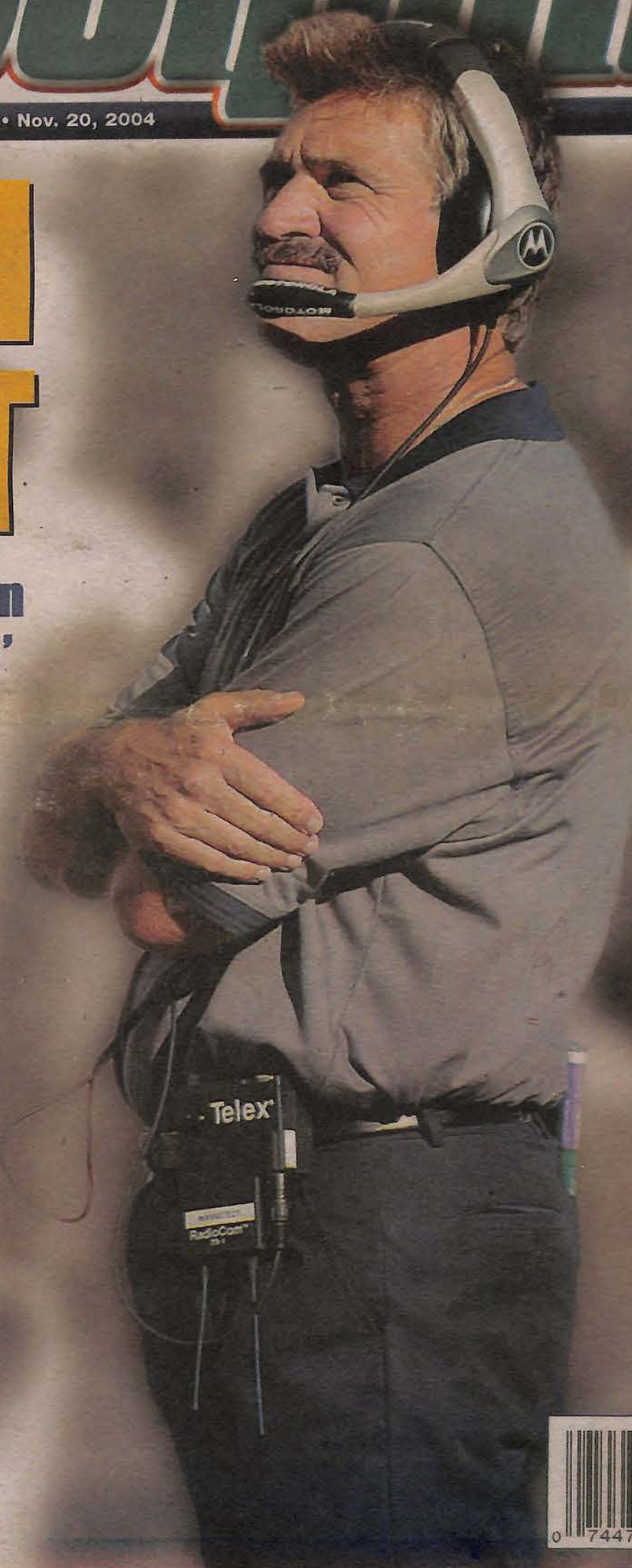
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**Wannstedt steps down
'for good of the team'**



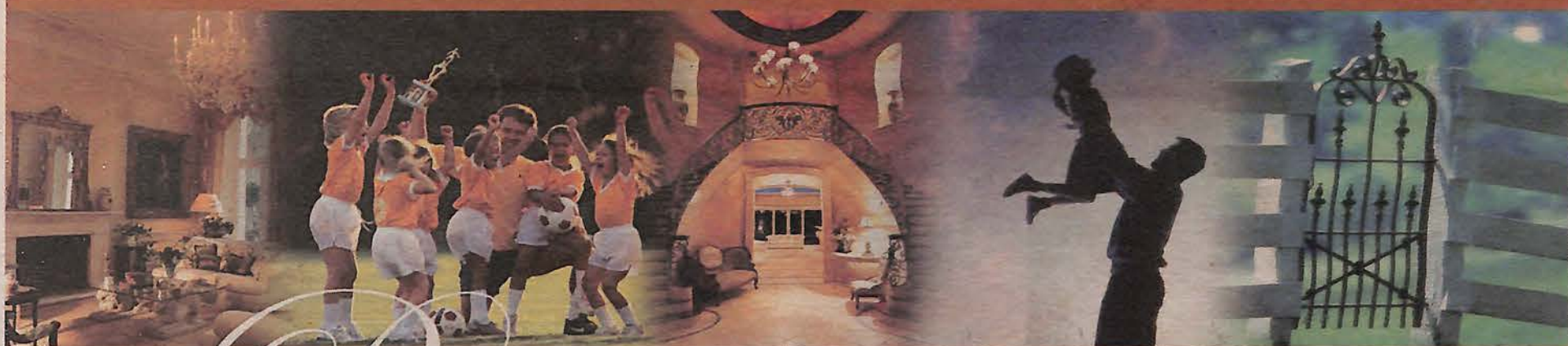
**Jim Bates takes over
as the interim coach**



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'Taking one for the team'

It is 11:30 Tuesday morning and Dave Wannstedt is sitting in his office. He and I are alone. He had stepped down as head coach of the Miami Dolphins about 30 minutes earlier. He gets up from behind his



big desk and moves to a chair directly across from me. Wannstedt is like that. He doesn't like formalities. He wants to be as close to you as he can when he talks, his way of saying that he is just a regular guy.

There is a bottle of water in his hand. He is dressed smartly in a light blue shirt and red tie, dress pants and shoes without socks. He gazes out toward an empty practice field — which is now no longer his practice field — and chooses each word carefully.

"I always preached to my players to avoid distractions," he says. "Then I become the ultimate distraction."

One sentence said it all. Dave Wannstedt became the ultimate distraction. This is why, more than anything else, he chose to end his years with this team right there and then. He wanted to stay on as coach of the Dolphins. He wanted to see this season through and take whatever consequences that were in store for him when it was over. But it became apparent that he couldn't wait. Too much was happening. Too many fingers were being pointed in his direction. It started to affect the players, and that's when he knew it was over.

He takes a swig of water.

"I hope the fans realize how much I care," Wannstedt said. "I hope they realize that I did this for the players. The players shouldn't have to answer questions about me. They should be allowed to concentrate on football and not answer questions about my future. That's not what I'm all about."

"I guess you could say I took one for the team."

Five years earlier, Dave Wannstedt had sat in that same seat, talking about how he'd love to spend the rest of his coaching life right there in that office, coaching this team, working for this owner, trying to please these fans. So where did it all go wrong? How could it have led to this?

Wannstedt is only 52 years old. He's got a lot of coaching left in him. But not here anymore. That all ended late Tuesday morning when he handed the coaching reins to his good friend, Jim Bates. Now he can only look back and wonder.

"I really don't feel like I failed," Wannstedt said.



Dave Wannstedt felt he needed to walk away from his position as head coach because his job status had become a distraction for his players.

Digest Photo/KEN KEIDEL

If he were a different sort of person, Dave Wannstedt would have pointed fingers. He would have pointed to Ricky Williams and how he messed up an entire franchise. He would have pointed to the lousy luck of injuries, to those hurricanes that disrupted the entire training camp schedule, to little things that became big things. Oh, he has a list. A long list. But this wasn't the time to bring it out.

"I have to take responsibility for what has happened," Wannstedt said. "It comes with being the head coach."

Yes, Wannstedt made mistakes. He doesn't need to be reminded. He tosses and turns over them every night. He wishes he had a chance to do some things differently, but this business doesn't allow that. It is a bottom-line world, this coaching fraternity, and the bottom line for Wannstedt is that he didn't make the playoffs for two straight seasons, didn't win much in the playoffs before then, and had lost eight of his first nine games this season.

As great a human being as he is, as much as you would like your son to be like him, as kind and generous as he is with his time, as friendly and warm as he is to even the nighttime janitor at the training facility, Wannstedt couldn't win enough games to keep the job he loved so much.

And that's what it's all about, isn't it? That's why our pages have been filled with letters screaming for

Wannstedt to go. That's why he hears nasty comments from kids when he takes a walk with his wife at night. That's why the boos come down hard in his direction on a Sunday afternoon at Pro Player Stadium.

Forget about the man. Forget about how he bleeds for this organization. Forget about how many nights he awoke at 4 a.m. scribbling ideas on a piece of paper next to his bed, anything to make this team better. Forget about the tears in his secretary's eyes or the way almost every member of the Dolphins organization left the complex last Tuesday with a heavy heart.

Forget about the seven players who sat in his office at 8 a.m. on the morning he stepped down — Zach and Jason and Jay and Randy and Sam and Patrick and Chris — and how emotional they all were. Forget about how hard all of this was on his wife, Jan, and his two daughters. Forget all of it because at the end of the day Dave Wannstedt was a 1-8 football coach and that's really all that matters.

Yes, Dave Wannstedt had to go. If he hadn't stepped down now, it would have happened the first week in January. There was no doubt about that any longer. As much as Wayne Huizenga respected the man, Huizenga knows this is a business. The Dolphins weren't selling tickets. They weren't selling jerseys. They weren't winning games. Huizenga tried to talk Wannstedt out of it, at

least for now. He really did. But once Wannstedt realized that his contract would be honored, things happened in a hurry.

Someone had to be the first one to take the fall. That someone took another swig of his water and looked out once again at an empty practice field.

"We're playing Arizona last Sunday," Wannstedt said. "Jason Taylor sacks the quarterback late in the game and I really believe it's over. We win the game. But I look up and the clock isn't moving. Then I notice the flag on the field. Sam Madison gets called for holding. Arizona gets another chance. I say to myself, 'Isn't this like it's been all year long. This team just can't get a break. Can't get a single break.'"

But now it's someone else's problem. Now Dave Wannstedt can walk away, at peace with himself because, at long last, he no longer would be a distraction.

A small victory in a season of many heartbreaking losses.

NEXT ISSUE

This issue, dated Nov. 20, is a two-week issue due to the bye week. In this *Dolphin Digest*, you will find advance information on the Dolphins' Nov. 21 game Seattle. The next issue of *Dolphin Digest* will be mailed on Monday, Nov. 22.



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Defensive coordinator Jim Bates (inset) took over as Dolphins head coach on an interim basis after Dave Wannstedt announced he was stepping down after a little more than 4½ years on the job.

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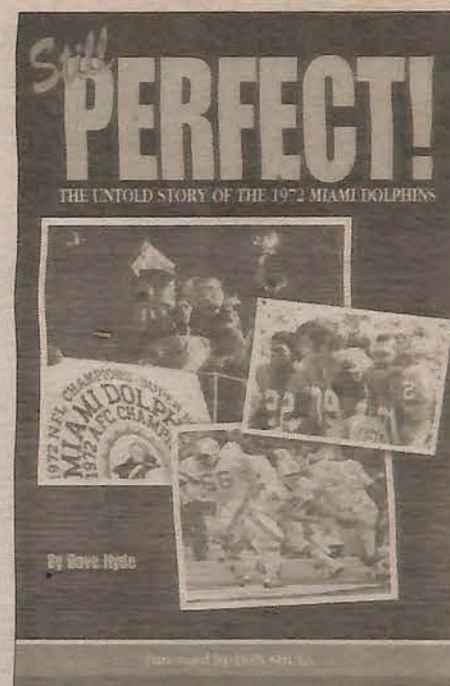
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More changes should follow

The frustration of being a Dolphins fan reached new heights after the loss to Arizona. The Cardinals are among the worst teams in the NFL, a team that had never beaten the Dolphins and one that had not won on the road in 17 tries.

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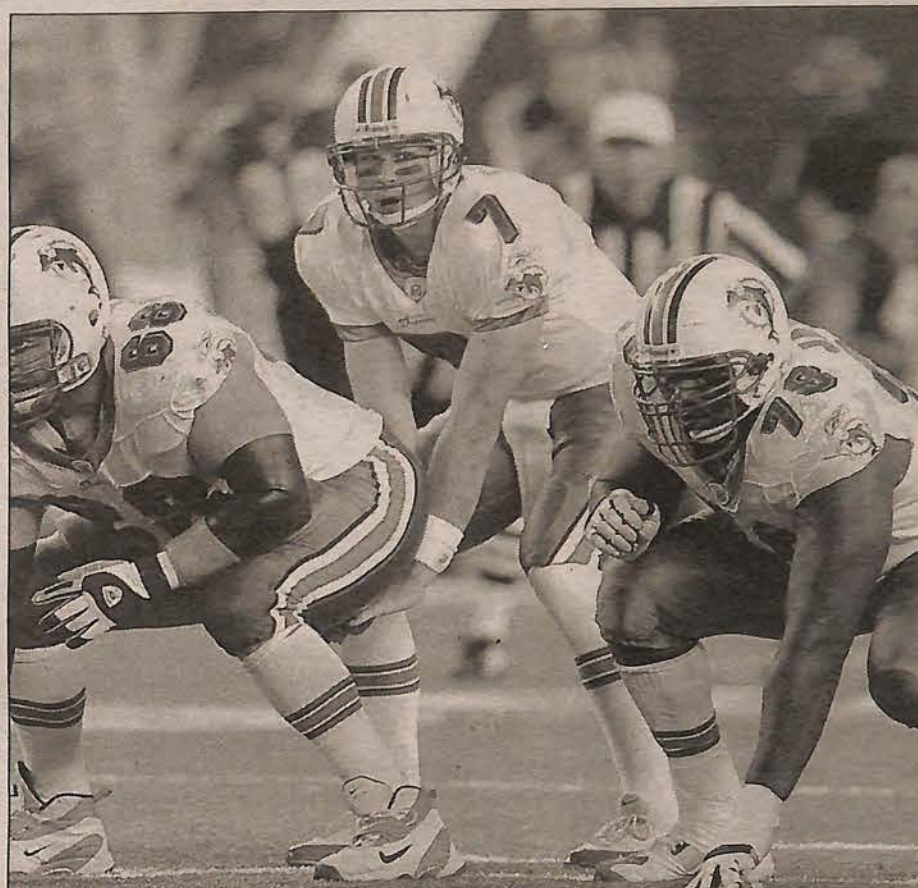
The Dolphins and A.J. Feeley made the plays in the fourth quarter to get the lead, but somehow, somehow a bad team drove the ball 70 yards for the winning touchdown. The Miami defense had several opportunities on the final drive to stop the Cardinals but missed interceptions, bad deep coverage and penalties sent the Dolphins to an embarrassing loss in this most embarrassing season.

Where do the Dolphins go from here? At 1-8 with the bye week ahead, now is the time for changes. The first move was to make sure Dave Wannstedt coached his last game. Wayne Huizenga got that done by letting Wannstedt resign. Other changes will follow and GM Rick Spielman should be the next to go.

On the field, Feeley must be named the quarterback for the rest of the season. Jay Fiedler has given this team everything he has and he deserves a purple heart, but his days as the starting quarterback must be over. There is no hope for 2004, but making the right decisions for 2005 and beyond is paramount.

Feeley made some excellent throws against the Cardinals, but he also threw an interception for a touchdown that got them back in the game. He has to be given enough reps over the final seven games to decide his value and whether he can be given the quarterback job for next season.

The Dolphins paid a heavy price — one that is getting higher with



The Dolphins absolutely must find out over the final weeks of the regular season whether A.J. Feeley can be their quarterback of the future.

Digest Photo/KEN KEIDEL

every loss — to the Eagles to obtain Feeley and his status must be determined. A No. 2 draft pick for a starting quarterback is a bargain; but if he can't play, the Dolphins must move on and find the quarterback to lead them back to respectability.

Wannstedt's final post-loss speech was "our guys gave great effort" but that trite phrase means nothing. His team let him down and his players did not make the plays necessary to win. Maybe bad coaching put them in the wrong position or they haven't been taught not to make bad penalties, but effort is not enough.

On the final drive alone, after the Dolphins had taken the lead with less than two minutes left, there were at least three chances to win the game, but each time a player failed when given the opportunity.

First, Will Poole had the chance to be the hero with a diving interception, but the ball slipped away. Second, Antuan Edwards broke the Cardinal rule (excuse the pun) of safety play and allowed Larry Fitzgerald to catch a 48-yard pass. Third, Sam Madison held Anquan Boldin, away from the play, while Jason Taylor was sacking the quarterback.

Playing hard is not enough and does not excuse losing. There is nothing wrong with criticizing players and telling the media and the fans what happened on a particular play and who was at fault. But apparently not to Wannstedt.

Effort does not make up for stupidity, being out of position, and not catching the ball like you are paid to do. Hopefully, Jim Bates will answer more candidly during his short

tenure, so the fans and media get honest answers.

The first major move was Wannstedt resigning, but many more must follow. It is time to stir things up on the field because the status quo has not worked. Making Feeley the starting quarterback is just one of many changes Bates needs to make, ones that will determine who should or should not be a Miami Dolphin after this season.

The offensive line is the place to start and I don't want to hear about team chemistry or unity. Take out tackles Damion McIntosh and John St. Clair and put in No. 1 pick Vernon Carey and last year's starter, Wade Smith. And let somebody else play for Taylor Whitley, who gave up two sacks against Arizona and has played very poorly.

There should be no concern about what the players think about any personnel decision from this point forward. The players have lost those eight games and are not deserving of anything more than a paycheck and an agenda. A little more Tom Coughlin discipline would be good. The players might not like it, but too bad.

It is time to roll the dice over the last seven games. No more conservative game plans where you ask your defense to win the game. No more 13-3 snoozers where the coach can always say a few plays one way or the other cost his team the game.

Let Feeley get the feel of the game and see if he can be the kind of player the Dolphins need to lead them. Play exciting football so the fans of the team will enjoy watching their team play, despite the record. Pass on every first down, fake a field goal, try the no-huddle offense, blitz both cornerbacks, etc.

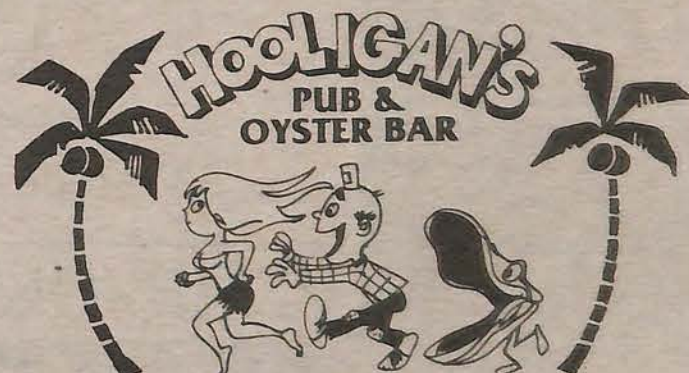
When the Dolphins line up against the Seahawks, hopefully it will not be the same old thing, which everyone knows has not worked. Maybe, just maybe, a new spirit will arise in the second half of the season and a few more wins and hope for the future will evolve.

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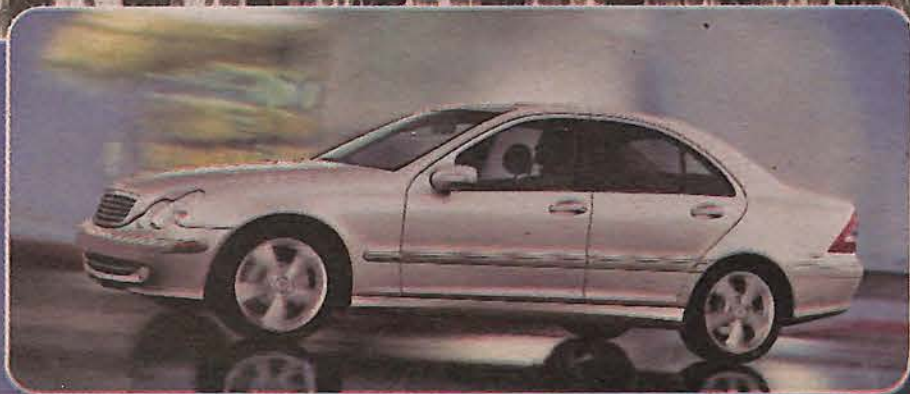


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The new man in charge

Bates a 'different individual'

By ALAIN POUPART
Associate Editor

Jason Taylor cracked a smile when he was asked what kind of head coach Jim Bates would be.

He was smiling because he was thinking about the offensive players getting the chance to get an up-close introduction to the man who has been in charge of the Dolphins defense since the 2000 season.

"They're going to learn a lot about Jim they didn't know," Taylor said. "Jim is a different individual. He's very fiery, very upbeat. He's a drive-you-crazy type of guy. I'm sure he's going to change a little bit as a head coach. We'll rally around him and try to salvage this thing."

Tight end Randy McMichael got a taste of Bates' intensity when the Dolphins' new head coach addressed the team after he was named to replace Dave Wannstedt.

"When he addressed the team, you could tell he was really emotional," McMichael said. "He was fired up. He's going to be one of those guys like (Pittsburgh head coach) Bill Cowher who's emotional and is going to be on the field with his guys."

As the defensive coordinator, Bates always took a hands-on approach and at practice he's always been quick to run over to players with a word of encouragement or praise.

If teams reflect the personality of their coaches, you can look for the Dolphins to play with a lot of emotion the rest of the season — Bates said 20 years ago he actually probably was too emotional.

"I've got passion," Bates said. "There's a lot of players on this team that have passion. And we hit it right between the eyes."

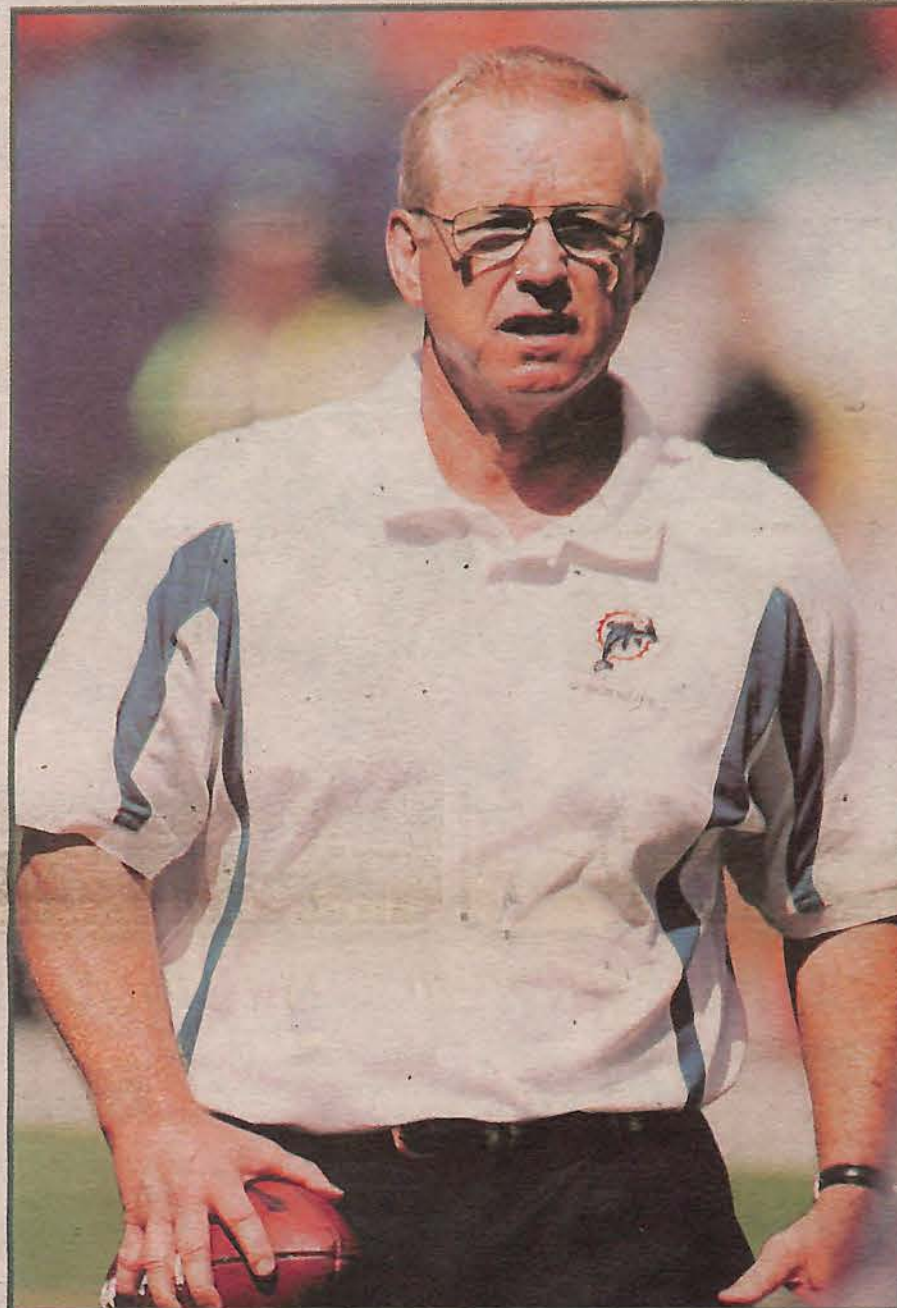
When he replaced Wannstedt two days after the loss to Arizona, Bates became an NFL head coach for the first time following a 30-year-plus coaching career that began as a graduate assistant at the University of Tennessee in 1968.

In his four full seasons as the Dolphins' defensive coordinator, the defense never ranked worse than 10th overall in the league.

Even this season, despite the team's 1-8 record, the defense is ranked seventh in the league in total yards allowed. The offense, however, has struggled all season.

Bates said he was planning on making some changes before the team's next game at Seattle Nov. 21, but wouldn't offer specifics.

"Everyone has their personality, everyone has little things that they've learned over the years," he said. "There will be some changes. It may be the practice schedule. It may be style of play. It's not going to be wholesale change. Going into the 10th game of the season, we



THE BOOK ON BATES

Family: Married (wife, Beverly) with two sons, James and Jeremy. Jeremy is an assistant coach with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Playing experience: Linebacker at the University of Tennessee, 1964-67

High school coaching experience: Sevier County High (head coach), 1969-71

College coaching experience: Tennessee, 1968; Southern Miss, 1972; Villanova, 1973-74; Kansas State, 1975-76; West Virginia, 1977; Texas Tech, 1978-83; Tennessee, 1989; Florida, 1990

Pro coaching experience: San Antonio Gunslingers (USFL), 1984-85; Arizona Outlaws (USFL), 1986; Detroit Drive (Arena League), 1988; Cleveland Browns, 1991-93; Atlanta Falcons, 1994; Cleveland Browns, 1995; Dallas Cowboys, 1996-99; Miami Dolphins, 2000-present

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can't change the offense, we can't change the defense. We have to build on the foundation that we've built."

One change that is expected is at quarterback, where you can look for A.J. Feeley to replace Jay Fiedler as the starter.

McMichael also said that Bates had told him he was planning on opening up the offense a little more.

Bates said there would be no changes on the coaching staff, although he didn't immediately know whether he also would continue his role of defensive coordinator.

"Bates is a great motivator," Thomas said. "He comes from the heart. He's definitely going to be giving us a little spark and a little change-up."

"I just hope he's going to be here for a long time. I love his scheme. I told him I would follow him around if he ever left here."

Team president Eddie Jones said one of Bates' strengths is "he's a

teacher" and said that Bates would be considered when it came time to name a permanent coach.

That wasn't on Bates' mind after he took over, though. His focus was on helping the Dolphins finishing out on a positive note.

"My role right now is to help this football team in any way I can," Bates said. "It isn't a personal thing. If anybody that knows me and knows Dave Wannstedt, we're people first, we're players first. The biggest thing I have to do is to help our team, prepare our team and prepare our coaches and if something happens at the end of the season, so be it. But this isn't about me."

Bates had been planning on going fishing during the bye weekend, but those plans had to be canceled when he got promoted.

This is a big chance for Bates, whose only head-coaching experience in pro football came with the San Antonio Gunslingers of the USFL way back in 1985.

"I've always coached from year to year and if it happened, it happened," said Bates, who had been an NFL assistant since 1990. "I hate personally to have to stand up here today and take it after a man that we all admire — as far as our coaching staff and players — in Dave Wannstedt and the way it happened."

"But I'm going to jump all over the opportunity. I'm going to do the best of my ability the next seven-eight weeks to provide this team with leadership; come out of that chute, make South Florida proud and coach with a great deal of passion."

Here's that word again. When it comes to football, passion and enthusiasm are always there when it comes to Jim Bates.

"You should have seen him," said cornerback Sam Madison. "The offensive players never saw him the way we see him. He came down with a clipboard like it was high school. I don't know what to expect, but I know it's going to be fun."

It's time to think long term

Now that Dave Wannstedt has stepped down, the process for arranging the Dolphins' future has begun. With whispers circulating that Wayne Huizenga has put a "For sale" sign on the franchise, the owner has interviewed more than one presidential



candidate. We're talking experienced, respected people who would come in and take over the operation.

There can be no more mistakes. Whoever is in charge will be overseeing the most critical time in the club's history.

For the first time in 35 years, there will be a real search for a head coach. It has also been that long since there has been an opportunity to pluck one of the top few outgoing collegians.

Then there is the Ricky Williams situation. He will be Miami's property when his ban is lifted for next season. What do they do with him?

Ricky and a top draft pick represent major bargaining chips, the possibility to get well in a hurry.

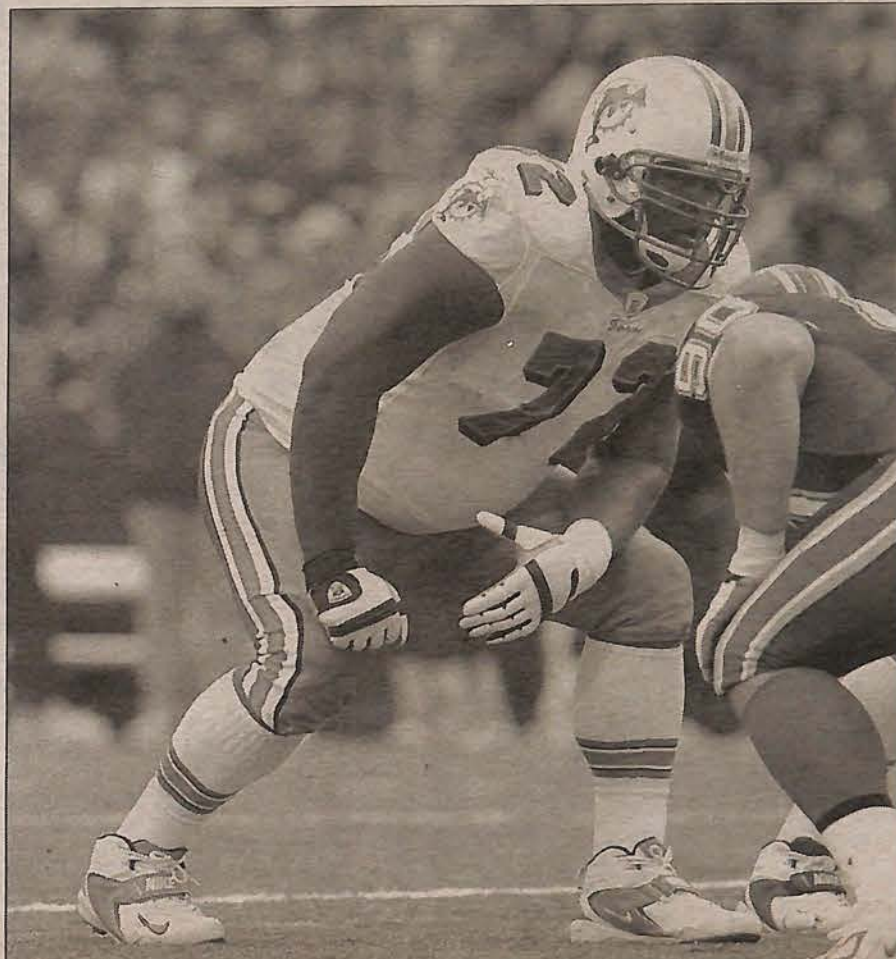
If wide receiver David Boston heals, there will be a terrific collection of receivers on hand.

With rookie quarterback Philip Rivers waiting in the wings, San Diego has a chip of its own in Drew Brees, who is having an MVP-type season. Would the Chargers covet one of those Pro Bowl corners from the Fins?

The aforementioned refer to the major issues. There are others.

I had a call on the radio show quoting somebody who suggested that the current version of the Dolphins, as bad as it is, could beat the 1972 perfectos. Of course, it's irrelevant.

Today's athletes are the beneficiaries of advanced strength and condi-



The Dolphins offensive line hasn't gotten much contribution from first-round pick Vernon Carey. Digest Photo/KEN KEIDEL

tioning programs that have made them bigger, stronger and faster.

Yet, and this is pertinent, I wouldn't count the old guys out if they could turn back the clock.

Two reasons: coaching and organization.

I might take my chances with Don Shula, Bill Arnsparger, Howard Schnellenberger and Monte Clark against this group.

Then there were the men who assembled the talent, starting with Joe Thomas and moving on to Bobby Beathard. The pro scout was George Young.

Beathard went on to build championship teams in Washington, Young with the Giants. Thomas made deals

that brought Hall of Fame Nick Buoniconti and Larry Little here in exchange for guys named Mack Lamb and John Bramlett.

It's not necessary to recount the transactions that contributed to the doom and gloom that exists now.

If the right person is not selected, we could be looking at a blown opportunity that would add years to the digging out.

Who wants to spend another year being subjected to the debate on when to see what the young guys can do?

Like who?

The starting defensive line is half to three-fourths comprised of backups.

With the injury to Junior Seau, we are now looking at the linebackers of

the future. The young defensive backs have been getting playing time.

On offense, there are just two people who should get a look.

They have to find out if there is a quarterback who can go forward. Do they have a good investment in A.J. Feeley?

There is also one offensive lineman who is entitled to a look: Rex Hadnot. Word is that the guard/center has outperformed some who are and have played.

To test anyone else up front would jeopardize the health of the quarterbacks and running backs.

Then there is the pride factor. The veterans, particularly on the defensive side of the ball who have played hard, do not deserve to be benched, and are anxious to rid themselves of the taste of losing.

Meanwhile, the present, to quote from "Alice in Wonderland," gets curiously and curiously. Matt Bryant becomes the second kicker to go down and the Dolphins scramble to find a Gramatica (Bill) as an 11th-hour replacement for the Arizona match.

Just one more tough deal.

On the other hand, those Chargers are winning with a rookie third-round pick (Nick Hardwick) and rookie seventh-rounder (Shane Olivea) starting at center and right tackle, respectively.

The Dolphins claim it is going to take more time for their group to get used to each other. Yet their first-round selection (Vernon Carey, for whom they traded up) can't crack the lineup and last year's top pick on the line (Wade Smith) rides the bench.

And the Fins take Damion McIntosh, who starts at left tackle, off the Chargers' hands, for a bunch of money.

More examples of the need for crisis solvers. For now, South Florida gets a break. The Dolphins are gone for a month with a bye and a two-week trip to the West Coast to Seattle and San Francisco.

They should make great time, as they will be aided by the tail winds of change.

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The Wannstedt reaction

Here's what Dolphins players and personnel had to say about the resignation of Coach Dave Wannstedt:

TEAM PRESIDENT EDDIE JONES

- "There's no finer person than Dave Wannstedt. His focus is on what's best for people, in this case what's best for our football team."

INTERIM HEAD COACH JIM BATES

- "This man has stood proud and stood tall through as tough a time as we have ever seen a man stand tall and stand proud. He has given us great leadership and if you could have seen this man in this meeting room every week with the positive attitude and the leadership he has shown for our football team, you also would be proud."

- "None of our players or coaches wanted Dave to step away from this football team."

GM RICK SPIELMAN

- "It's hard to see a guy who puts his heart and soul into everything he does and does everything the right way ... unfortunately, when you don't win, this is what happens."

- "That's not something most people would be willing to do. It speaks volumes for Dave Wannstedt."

LINEBACKER ZACH THOMAS

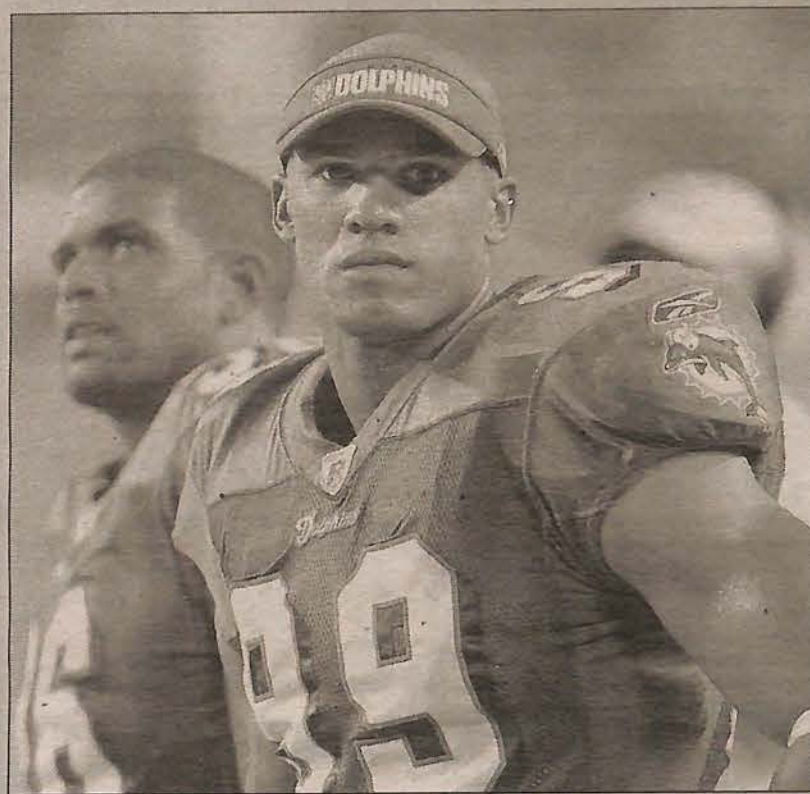
- "It could have been easy for him to point fingers and make excuses, but he didn't do that. That's why the players backed him and that's why we still back him."

- "From players and coaches and everything, everybody has a little part in (the 1-8 record) and he's taking all the blame for it and that is something that everybody admires — why he didn't come out and sell anybody out because there are a lot of things that have happened to this team and he stood up like a man and that's why everybody admires Dave."

QUARTERBACK JAY FIEDLER

- "I would hope the focus would be more on the field than it has been over the last few weeks. It's been a burden on Dave, the players and everybody around here having to answer questions about his future."

- "It was a sacrifice for him. I don't think he really wanted to step down. He had 53 guys in mind rather than one. You've got to respect the man for that. I gained even more respect for him than I already had."

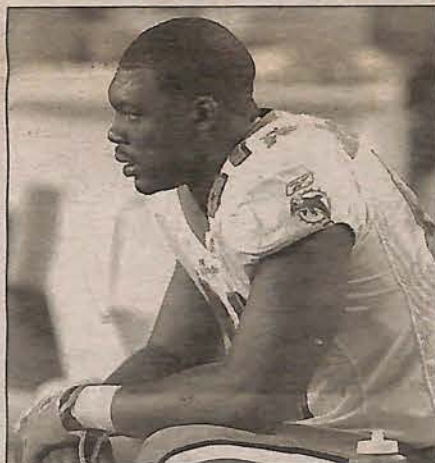


DEFENSIVE END JASON TAYLOR

- "We have bought his philosophy from day one and we've always fought for him and the rest of the season we're going to continue to fight for Dave. Just because he's not around anymore as the head coach, this is still his team and we're still going to fight for him. He means a lot to a lot of us. Dave never lost this team. Anybody that watched the game Sunday knows he didn't lose this team. I've seen teams around this league quit, I've seen players quit, and this team has not done that."

- "Dave didn't quit. Let's get this straight. Dave didn't quit, he resigned. He's not quitting on us. Let's not misconstrue this. Dave stepped aside to take the focus off of him and to try to take away some of the negativity that's been around us."

- "Ricky Williams quit. Ricky quit, Dave stepped aside. There is a big difference. If anybody watched Dave Sunday, you saw how much it hurt him. That's not a man quitting. That's a beaten man, a man who has been through a lot, and has been ridden for the two or three years and has gone through a lot. He stepped aside, Ricky Williams quit."



TIGHT END RANDY McMICHAEL

- "I don't want to say that it was unexpected simply from the fact that a man can only take so much that somebody wants to beat him down and talk about him so badly and just basically blame him for everything and for him to always come to work every day with a smile on his face and an upbeat attitude, it just really shows the character of him."

- "It's one of those years where if you write something about it, you'll have a best-seller. Coach is getting all the downfall from that and he doesn't deserve it."

Wannstedt's Words

The following are some thoughts from Dave Wannstedt both from an interview with Dolphin Digest and from the press conference announcing he had stepped down as coach of the Miami Dolphins:

"I want the fans to know that some good things will come out of this season. The Dolphins are going to be picking higher in the draft than they have in a long time. That's pretty clear at this point."

"Last year the Pittsburgh Steelers were a losing team and so many of their fans were devastated. They wanted to can all their players and coaches and fold the whole thing up. But then they get a good spot in the draft, they pick Ben Roethlisberger and now the franchise is set for another 10 years. That's the way it works. So I believe something good will come out of this season and I don't think the fans should stop believing that."

"At the same time, I believe it's important that the fans don't just put a losing stamp on the entire team. I mean, I totally believe with all my heart that the Dolphins have enough ability to get this thing right. I'm well aware that A.J. Feeley needs to play and he needs experience. That, to me, is the biggest issue for the future. But it's important that things are done the right way at the right time to be successful."

"This team will get fixed and it will get fixed in a hurry. The injured players will be back next season. As hard as it is to be patient, it's important the fans realize that this football team has a good nucleus."

"I decided to step aside to place the focus where it belongs: on the football team. I believe this move is in the best interests of the team and gives the players the best opportunity to play as well as possible the remainder of the season. It was clear that all the conversation about my future was becoming a distraction to the team and interfering with their ability to prepare properly, and this decision should allow them to concentrate on what happens on the football field."

DAVE WANNSTEDT DOLPHINS TIMELINE

Jan. 14, 1999 Joins the Dolphins as assistant head coach.	Jan. 16, 2000 Named as the fourth head coach in Dolphins history as he replaces Jimmy Johnson.	Dec. 24, 2000 The Dolphins clinch their first AFC East title since 1994 with a 27-24 victory at New England.	Feb. 2, 2001 Signs a one-year contract extension through the 2003 season.	Feb. 13, 2002 Signs a one-year contract extension through 2004.	Dec. 29, 2002 The Dolphins blow a 24-13 lead in the final five minutes at New England and get eliminated from playoff contention after losing in overtime.	Dec. 28, 2003 The Dolphins close out their second consecutive play-off-less season at 10-6 with a 23-21 victory over the New York Jets amid speculation Wannstedt will be fired.	Dec., 29, 2003 Signs a two-year contract extension through 2006 but is stripped of his authority over personnel decisions.	Nov. 8, 2004 Tells owner Wayne Huizenga he is stepping down as Dolphins head coach.	Nov. 9, 2004 Resignation becomes official at a press conference.
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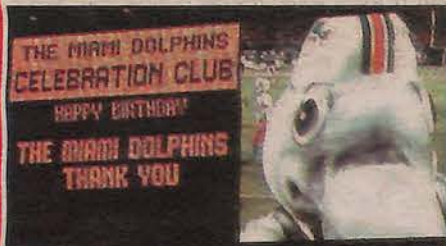
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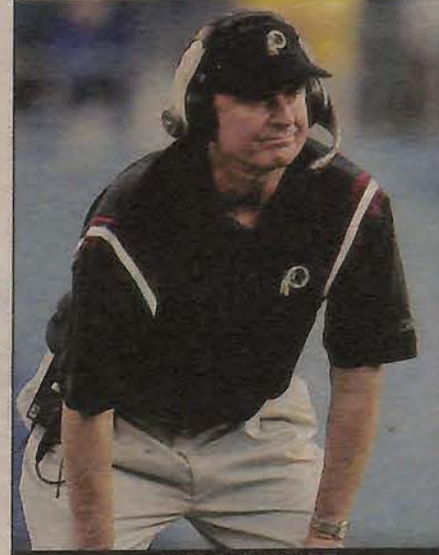
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Who will lead Dolphins in 2005?

Scouting coaching candidates

Who will it be?

Even before Dave Wannstedt stepped down Tuesday as head coach of the Miami Dolphins, there already was widespread speculation about a possible successor. The Dolphins have only had four head coaches in their history, and now they will search for a fifth. It could prove to be the most significant hire since, well, Don Shula was lured away from the Colts 24 years ago.

While the all-out search probably won't begin in earnest until owner Wayne Huizenga hires a new team president after the first of the year, there are names already being bantered about from coast to coast. Interim coach Jim Bates remains a possibility, but he must accomplish some noteworthy feats over the next couple of months.

There is nothing at this point to confirm whether the following nine people would be interested or, in fact, whether the Dolphins would be interested in them. But they are all successful coaches who would certainly warrant serious consideration.

The following is a breakdown of the nine coaches, listed alphabetically, who already have received some mention in conjunction with the Dolphins job.

• **Pete Carroll:** The head coach at USC had brief stints with the New York Jets and New England, but was not that successful. However, he has been a huge hit with the Trojans, winning a split of the national championship after the 2003 season and residing on the doorstep of another title this season.

Carroll is an excellent offensive coach, which certainly would appeal to the Dolphins. He also is a great motivator who might, under the right circumstances, be convinced to give the pro game another try.

• **Brad Childress:** The offensive coordinator of the Philadelphia Eagles

for the past three seasons, Childress is generally considered one of the NFL's most innovative coaches. He has excelled with the Eagles using three running backs (2003) and starting three different quarterbacks (2002).

Childress would bring a fresh offensive approach to the Dolphins with a serious slant toward the West Coast offense. Said Childress of his offensive style, "You have to be open-minded, innovate and adjust." He is 48 years old and seems primed to take the next step.

• **Romeo Crennel:** The long-time defensive coordinator of the New England Patriots, Crennel was rumored to be a candidate for several coaching jobs a year ago. But by the time the Patriots won the Super Bowl, most of the jobs were filled. This year, however, there is a window where assistant coaches on playoff teams can explore other opportunities.

Crennel was recognized by the Pro Football Writers of America in 2003

as the NFL's Assistant Coach of the Year. As a coach with the Patriots, he is well aware of the personnel on the Dolphins. One negative is that Bill Belichick has more to do with the Pats defense than Crennel.

• **Jim Fassel:** The former head coach of the New York Giants is serving as an offensive consultant with Baltimore this season, waiting for the right job to come along. He faltered in his last year with the Giants, which should be a concern. Still, he is an excellent offensive mind.

• **Nick Saban:** The head coach at Louisiana State, Saban has NFL experience as an assistant under Belichick. He already has won a piece of the national championship in college (2003) and is rumored to be interested in advancing to the professional ranks.

Saban has been successful wherever he has coached and offers a well-balanced knowledge in both offense and defense. The fact that he re-

portedly is not very personable could work to his disadvantage.

• **Steve Spurrier:** Everyone seems to want to know if the former Florida Gators and Washington Redskins head coach is on Wayne Huizenga's list. At this point, only Huizenga, who has played golf with Spurrier, knows for sure.

On the plus side, Spurrier would bring an innovative offensive mind, capable of inserting plays and concepts that the Dolphins have never attempted. On the negative side, he failed miserably with the Redskins and there is no reason to believe he would have better luck with the Dolphins.

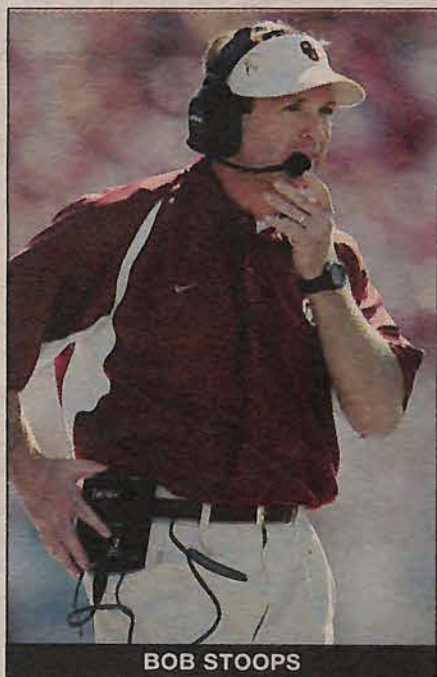
• **Bob Stoops:** The head coach at the University of Oklahoma, Stoops appears ready to jump to the next level. He is a winner, loves the state of Florida from his days as an assistant with the Florida Gators, and would bring an excellent offensive flair to the Dolphins.

Stoops has denied interest in leaving Oklahoma, but associates of his claim that he might jump at the right offer. The Dolphins could provide an intriguing possibility.

• **Jeff Tedford:** Considered one of the brightest minds in college coaching, Tedford has taken over a Cal football program that was 1-10 in 2002 and brought it to national title levels. The only real negative here is that Tedford has only been a head coach on the college level for two seasons.

• **Charlie Weis:** As the offensive coordinator of the New England Patriots, many feel Weis would be a great fit for the Dolphins. At 47 years old, he is ready for a shot as a head coach in the pros and he would bring with him an offensive philosophy that has proven to be successful in the NFL.

A 26-year coaching veteran, Weis is the architect behind a New England offense that has won two Super Bowls.



BOB STOOPS



JEFF TEDFORD



Maria

Age: 24
Height: 5-8
Occupation: Student
Hometown: Miami
Marital status: Single
Years as Dolphins Cheerleader: Third
Favorite holiday: Christmas
Favorite food: Mongolian beef (P.F. Chang's)




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Can 2003 top pick deliver?

Moore gets his big chance

By ALAIN POUPART
Associate Editor

Eddie Moore has gotten an awful lot of criticism in his short time with the Dolphins, but from now until the end of the season he has a great opportunity to do something about it.

With Junior Seau out for the season because of a torn pectoral muscle sustained in the Monday night loss to the Jets, Moore now finds himself in the starting lineup.

And if he can deliver on the promise the Dolphins saw in him when he came out of the University of Tennessee, maybe he can quiet all the naysayers who blasted the team for making Moore the 49th overall pick in 2003.

"I've just got to go out there and play my game," Moore said. "I know I'm the youngest guy by three or four years, but I've just got to step up, just try to contribute just half of what Junior was doing on the field and I'll be all right."

In his first NFL start, Moore finished with a modest three tackles and wasn't a major factor for the defense.

"I made the plays I was supposed to make and I covered the guys I was supposed to cover," said Moore, who had a big play on special teams when he forced and recovered an Arizona fumble on the opening kickoff. "The guys helped me stay in the right position and I don't think I made any big mistakes. I felt pretty comfortable out there considering it was my first start."

Moore had been the Dolphins' top backup at outside linebacker all season, but he didn't get much playing time on defense until Seau went down in the second half of the Jets game.

But he gained a lot more experience playing behind Seau than he did as a rookie when he spent the entire season on injured reserve.

"I learned a lot," said Moore, who had a grand total of three tackles as a backup, including two after taking



Linebacker Eddie Moore suddenly now has the perfect opportunity to silence all of those who criticized the Dolphins for drafting him in the second round last year.

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over for Seau against the Jets. "You've got to study hard, it's not just on-the-field reactions. It's a lot of preparation during the week, then it (pays off) at the game."

Actually, just being in uniform on game days has done a lot for Moore.

"Compared to last year, I'm out here," Moore said about his progress. "So it's a lot of improvement, just being able to contribute on special teams. (On defense), just getting the experience, even if it was eight to 10 plays, just being out there, the speed of the game, the real look. Any little bit helps, you know."

Ironically, Moore moved into the starting lineup days after Coach Dave Wannstedt was asked whether it would make sense to start playing some of the team's younger players because of the poor won-loss record and all-but-nonexistent playoff hopes.

Wannstedt said his only concern was trying to win right now, but Seau's injury put Moore in the starting lineup anyway.

The plan for now is to have Morlon Greenwood replace Seau as one of the nickel linebackers alongside Zach Thomas and for Moore to continue playing special teams.

Moore has done a pretty good job in that department, ranking second on the team in special teams tackles behind Brendon Ayanbadejo and making the big play against Arizona.

But just playing well on special teams won't cut it for a guy who was the team's first pick in 2003, particularly when the Dolphins needed wide receivers and could have had either Anquan Boldin or Tyrone Calico at that spot.

Really, Moore has to become a good linebacker or he forever will be known as a bust.

Wannstedt said he had no doubt Moore was ready for his new role, even if he admitted that Moore hadn't shown anything to earn that vote of confidence.

For his part, Moore was modest when discussing what he could do for the defense.

"What can I bring to the defense? Another body that can help, contribute and all-out effort," he said. "That's what I'm going to do, what I've been doing."

"I'm just going to try to step up and do half of what (Seau) has done on the field."

For Moore and the Dolphins, these last seven games will be very important.

With a strong showing, Moore can establish himself as an important part of the future of the defense, perhaps a future starter.

If he fails, then the perception that Moore wasn't the right pick in 2003 will be proven accurate.

"I've been ready, always ready," Moore said. "I'm going with the mind-set like it's my job to lose. Nothing is ever guaranteed, especially not in the NFL. So I'm just going in and playing my game and whatever happens from there, happens."

Class of 2003 more miss than hit so far

Linebacker Eddie Moore was the Dolphins' top pick in a 2003 draft class that has yet to make a major impact on the team. Here's the rundown of the Dolphins' seven picks after they selected Moore 49th overall.

Round 3a, Wade Smith, tackle, Memphis — This pick looked pretty good last year when Smith started all 16 games at left tackle and was a consensus all-rookie selection. Smith gained weight in the offseason but lost something along the way because he struggled in the preseason and in the first two games of the season. He lost his starting job to free agent acquisition Damion McIntosh and slipped even further when he became a regular on the inactive list.

Round 3b, Taylor Whitley, guard, Texas A&M — After being inactive for every game in 2003, Whitley beat out Greg Jerman for the starting job at right guard in training camp. But, like

just about everybody on the offensive line, he has struggled this season. He had a particularly rough time in the Monday night loss to the Jets, admitting as much after the game.

Round 5a, Donald Lee, TE, Mississippi State — Lee showed a lot of potential in his rookie season, but his second season has been marred by mistakes. After committing three penalties in the first four games, he was removed from some of the special teams before being called for holding against St. Louis. He also lost fumbles against Pittsburgh and the Jets.

Round 5b, J.R. Tolver, WR, San Diego State — A prolific receiver in college, Tolver wasn't able to get on the field last year before being placed on injured reserve and he couldn't make the active roster this season and is on the practice squad.

Round 6a, Corey Jenkins, LB, South Car-

olina — The former college quarterback made the roster on special teams as a rookie and showed tremendous athletic ability. But after the Dolphins drafted two linebackers this year, Jenkins became the victim of a numbers game and was released.

Round 6b, Tim Provost, tackle, San Jose State — Provost was among the final cuts last year and he has bounced around from practice squad to practice squad since then.

Round 6c, Jeremiah Bell, safety, Eastern Kentucky — After his stint on the practice squad last year was cut short by an injury, Bell came back strong this year and has been a contributor on special teams.

Round 7, Davern Williams, defensive tackle, Troy State — A shoulder injury landed Williams on injured reserve last year and the Dolphins wound up waiving him this past April.

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DOLPHIN DATA

Feeley in line to start at QB

While there was no official confirmation as of Nov. 9, it is believed that **A.J. Feeley** will start at quarterback when the Dolphins return from their bye against Seattle.

Feeley might have started anyway had **Dave Wannstedt** not stepped down as head coach, but with **Jim Bates** now running the show you can expect to see several personnel changes. Feeley, who is expected to start the remainder of the season, is the most prominent of those changes.

Also expected to start against Seattle is rookie lineman **Rex Hadnot** at left guard in place of the injured **Jeno James**. No. 1 pick **Vernon Carey** also will see action at tackle, though he probably won't start.

JUST FOR KICKS: The Dolphins set an NFL precedent against Arizona when they became the first team to carry three kickers on the 53-man roster. The third kicker was former Cardinal **Bill Gramatica**, who was signed after replacement **Matt Bryant** sustained a quad injury while kicking off in practice prior to the Arizona game.

Bryant kicked the previous three games as **Olindo Mare** continues to be sidelined by a calf injury. Gramatica kicked three field goals but, more importantly, botched an extra point against Arizona. He was waived on Tuesday, Nov. 10.

INACTIVE INFO: In addition to Mare and Bryant, the Dolphins inactives for Sunday's Arizona game



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were RB **Leonard Henry**, RB **Brock Forsey**, G **Greg Jerman**, T **Wade Smith** and DT **Mario Monds**, with **Sage Rosenfels** again serving as the third quarterback.

FINDING FLEMONS: DE **Ronald Flemons'** roller-coaster ride continued last week when he was signed to the active roster for the second time this year. So far this season, Flemons has been waived, re-signed to the practice squad, promoted to the active roster, waived again, re-signed to the practice squad again, and pro-

moted to the active roster again.

KING COMES BACK: With Flemons off the practice squad, it opened up a spot and the Dolphins filled it by bringing back RB **Vick King** for a second stint.

PRACTICE PEOPLE: For those keeping track, the practice squad now consists of WR **Ronald Bellamy**, T **Tony Pape**, DT **Josh Shaw**, G **Jamil Soriano**, WR **J.R. Tolver**, S **Quintin Williams**, LB **Renauld Williams**, in addition to King.

ACHING AKINS: Safety **Chris**

Akins, signed in the offseason to bolster the special teams, has found his career in jeopardy because of the knee injury he sustained in the summer, according to *The Miami Herald*. Akins reportedly has undergone four procedures since being injured in workouts with the Houston Texans back in early August.

NEVER MIND: So much for center **Jason Ball** coming in and helping the Dolphins after being claimed off waivers from San Diego. He was waived a few days after being claimed because he failed his physical.

TICKET TALE: The Dolphins avoided their first local television blackout in the regular season since 1998 when FOX affiliate WSVN guaranteed to buy the remaining tickets for last Sunday's game against Arizona.

DIFFERENT KIND OF GAME: The makers of Monopoly have come out with a Miami Dolphins edition. Instead of properties, players can buy current and former Dolphins. Not surprisingly, the player occupying the Boardwalk spot is **Dan Marino**. **Zach Thomas** is Park Place. An example of a "chance," now depicted by a Dolphins helmet is, "Star player misses game due to injury, go back 3 spaces." Tight end **Randy McMichael** liked the idea, but had one complaint. His spot is at the old Oriental Avenue, one of the cheapest properties on the board. "I'm going to e-mail them," McMichael joked. "I don't appreciate being in the projects."

SO LONG SIPPION: CB/WR **Bobby Sippio** was waived off the team's injured reserve list last week.

Breaking down midseason numbers

Considering the Dolphins had a losing record at the halfway point for the first time in Dave Wannstedt's five years as head coach, it only made sense that the team had its worst midseason showing in several statistical categories.

For example, the Dolphins had their worst first-half performance since 2000 in points scored (100), first downs (118), third-down conversions (33.3), total yards (2,040), rushing yards (612), sacks allowed (30), quarterback rating (62.3), rushing yards allowed (1,189), takeaways (6) and sacks (17).

But on the flip side, the Dolphins had their best showing in first downs allowed (132), net passing yards allowed (1,202) and completion percentage allowed (55.1). The Dolphins also had their second-best showing in third-down defense, fewest penalties and total yards allowed.

Injury Update ...

Veteran guard **Jeno James** underwent arthroscopic surgery on his left knee Nov. 9 and is expected to miss three or four games. James was injured in the loss to Arizona.

Also injured against Arizona was wide receiver **Marty Booker**, who sustained a high ankle sprain. **Travis Minor** missed five games with a similar injury, but the Dolphins believe Booker will be back long before that. He was hurt making a big catch-and-run that set up the Dolphins' go-ahead score in the fourth quarter.

Quarterback **Jay Fiedler** sustained a pinched nerve in his neck against Arizona and was pretty banged up afterward. A few days after the game, he still did not have total movement in his neck. But he says he expects to be available for the Seattle game.

In other injury news, the Dolphins placed veteran safety **Shawn Wooden** on the Reserve/PUP list, meaning he will spend the rest of the season unable to play. Wooden has been out with a back injury.

Others on the injury list before the Arizona game were S **Antuan Edwards** (groin), DT **Mario Monds** (hand), LB **Brendon Ayanbadejo** (back), DE **David Bowens** (knee), LB **Morlon Greenwood** (quad), and RB **Sammy Morris** (wrist). Monds was the only one of the group who didn't play.



A sad time for Seau

Junior Seau's season officially ended last week when he was placed on injured reserve because of a torn pectoral muscle, and — like Tim Bowens the week before — the question now is whether the 35-year-old Seau will ever play again.

"Obviously I'm walking away from the game, which I always wanted to towards the end, but I never thought I would be walking away with a sling and that doesn't sit well with me," Seau said last week. "As far as what I may do in the future, if you ask me today, I'm going to say yes (to playing again), but it will be assessed after everything is said and done."

A serious injury is something new to Seau, who had never missed more than three games in his first 14 seasons in the league. But it's not just the nature of the injury that have people wondering about Seau's future. There's also the age factor; Seau will turn 36 next January. He also was scheduled to make \$3.5 million in base salary in 2005, which already had made his return a question mark.

Any way it shakes out, this was a sad day for Seau, who flew to San Diego to have surgery.

"I don't know how I'm going to handle it," he said. "I will probably sit in first class on American Airlines today and probably sob all the way back home."

Miami Dolphins



No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	College
1	Matt Turk	P	6-5	235	10	Wis.-Whitewater
5	Matt Bryant	K	5-9	200	3	Baylor
7	A.J. Feeley	QB	6-3	225	4	Oregon
9	Jay Fiedler	QB	6-2	225	9	Dartmouth
10	Olindo Mare	K	5-10	195	8	Syracuse
18	Sage Rosenfels	QB	6-4	222	4	Iowa State
20	Arturo Freeman	S	6-1	210	5	South Carolina
21	Antuan Edwards	S	6-1	210	6	East Carolina
23	Patrick Surtain	CB	5-11	192	7	Southern Miss
24	Sammy Knight	S	6-0	215	8	USC
25	Reggie Howard	CB	6-0	190	5	Memphis
26	Leonard Henry	RB	6-1	210	3	East Carolina
27	Will Poole	CB	5-10	193	R	USC
28	Travis Minor	RB	5-10	205	4	Florida State
29	Sam Madison	CB	5-11	185	8	Louisville
31	Sammy Morris	RB	6-0	220	5	Boise Tech
32	Jamar Martin	FB	5-11	256	3	Ohio State
35	Jimmy Wyrick	CB	5-9	176	5	Minnesota
37	Jeremiah Bell	S	6-1	200	1	Eastern Kentucky
43	Brock Forsey	RB	5-11	210	2	Boise State
44	Rob Konrad	FB	6-3	255	6	Syracuse
50	Brendon Ayanbadejo	LB	6-1	230	2	UCLA
51	Tony Bua	LB	5-11	212	R	Arkansas
52	Morlon Greenwood	LB	6-0	238	4	Syracuse
54	Zach Thomas	LB	5-11	230	9	Texas Tech
56	Derrick Pope	LB	5-11	233	R	Alabama
58	Eddie Moore	LB	6-0	230	2	Tennessee
60	Greg Jerman	G	6-5	310	3	Baylor
66	Rex Hadnot	C/G	6-2	323	R	Houston
68	Seth McKinney	C	6-3	305	3	Texas A&M
69	Taylor Whitley	G	6-4	315	2	Texas A&M
70	John St. Clair	T	6-4	315	5	Virginia
72	Vernon Carey	T	6-5	325	R	Miami (Fla.)
74	Wade Smith	T	6-4	315	2	Memphis
77	Damion McIntosh	T	6-4	325	5	Kansas State
78	Jeno James	G	6-3	315	5	Auburn
79	Ronald Flemons	DE	6-6	276	3	Texas A&M
81	Randy McMichael	TE	6-3	250	3	Georgia
82	Bryan Gilmore	WR	6-0	195	4	Midwestern State
83	Wes Welker	WR/KR	5-9	190	R	Texas Tech
84	Chris Chambers	WR	5-11	210	4	Wisconsin
85	Donald Lee	TE	6-3	255	2	Mississippi State
86	Marty Booker	WR	6-0	212	6	Louisiana-Monroe
88	Derrius Thompson	WR	6-2	220	6	Baylor
89	Ed Perry	TE	6-4	265	8	James Madison
90	Jeff Zgonina	DT	6-2	285	12	Purdue
91	Jay Williams	DE	6-3	270	10	Wake Forest
93	Mario Monds	DT	6-3	342	2	Cincinnati
94	Dario Romero	DT	6-3	305	3	Eastern Washington
96	David Bowens	DE	6-3	260	5	Western Illinois
98	Bryan Robinson	DE	6-4	296	8	Fresno State
99	Jason Taylor	DE	6-6	255	8	Akron

DOLPHINS DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE			
QB	7-A.J. Feeley	9-Jay Fiedler	18-Sage Rosenfels
HB	31-Sammy Morris	28-Travis Minor	43-Brock Forsey
FB	44-Rob Konrad	32-Jamar Martin	
WR	86-Marty Booker	88-Derrius Thompson	
WR	84-Chris Chambers	82-Bryan Gilmore	
TE	81-Randy McMichael	85-Donald Lee	89-Ed Perry
LT	74-Wade Smith	77-Damion McIntosh	
LG	66-Rex Hadnot	78-Jeno James (inj.)	
C	68-Seth McKinney	66-Rex Hadnot	
RG	69-Taylor Whitley	60-Greg Jerman	
RT	70-John St. Clair	72-Vernon Carey	
DEFENSE			
LE	96-David Bowens	79-Ronald Flemons	
LT	98-Bryan Robinson	93-Mario Monds	
RT	90-Jeff Zgonina	94-Dario Romero	
RE	99-Jason Taylor	91-Jay Williams	
WLB	58-Eddie Moore	51-Tony Bua	
MLB	54-Zach Thomas	56-Derrick Pope	
SLB	52-Morlon Greenwood	50-Brendon Ayanbadejo	
RCB	29-Sam Madison	27-Will Poole	35-Jimmy Wyrick
LCB	23-Patrick Surtain	25-Reggie Howard	
FS	21-Antuan Edwards	20-Arturo Freeman	
SS	24-Sammy Knight	37-Jeremiah Bell	
SPECIALISTS			
P	1-Matt Turk		
K	10-Olindo Mare	5-Matt Bryant	

Seattle Seahawks

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	College
3	Josh Brown	K	6-0	202	2	Nebraska
4	Trent Dilfer	QB	6-4	225	11	Fresno State
8	Matt Hasselbeck	QB	6-4	223	6	Boston College
9	Donnie Jones	P	6-2	222	R	LSU
15	Seneca Wallace	QB	5-11	196	2	Iowa State
18	D.J. Hackett	WR	6-2	199	R	Colorado
20	Maurice Morris	RB	5-11	202	3	Oregon
21	Ken Lucas	CB	6-0	205	4	Mississippi
23	Marcus Trufant	CB	5-11	199	2	Washington State
24	Bobby Taylor	CB	6-3	216	10	Notre Dame
26	Ken Hamlin	FS	6-2	209	2	Arkansas
28	Michael Boulware	SS	6-2	223	R	Florida State
32	Kerry Carter	RB	6-1	238	2	Stanford
33	Marquand Manuel	FS	6-0	209	3	Florida
34	Terreal Bierria	SS	6-3	211	3	Georgia
37	Shaun Alexander	RB	5-11	225	5	Alabama
38	Mack Strong	FB	6-0	245	12	Georgia
42	Kris Richard	CB	5-11	190	3	USC
44	Heath Evans	FB	6-0	245	4	Auburn
50	Solomon Bates	LB	6-1	243	2	Arizona State
51	Anthony Simmons	LB	6-0	240	7	Clemson
52	Jean-Philippe Darche	LS	6-0	246	5	McGill (Canada)
53	Niko Koutouvides	LB	6-2	244	R	Purdue
56	Chike Okeafor	DE	6-4	265	6	Purdue
57	Orlando Huff	LB	6-2	250	4	Fresno State
58	Isaiah Kacyvenski	LB	6-1	252	5	Harvard
59	Tracy White	LB	6-0	230	2	Howard
61	Robbie Tobeck	C	6-4	297	11	Washington State
62	Chris Gray	G	6-4	308	12	Auburn
70	Jerry Wunsch	T/G	6-6	339	8	Wisconsin
71	Walter Jones	T	6-5	315	8	Florida State
72	Chris Terry	T	6-5	295	6	Georgia
73	Wayne Hunter	T	6-5	303	2	Hawaii
75	Sean Locklear	T/G	6-4	301	R	North Carolina State
76	Steve Hutchinson	G	6-5	313	4	Michigan
77	Floyd Womack	T/G	6-4	333	4	Mississippi State
78	Antonio Cochran	DE	6-4	299	6	Georgia
80	Jerry Rice	WR	6-2	200	20	Miss. Valley State
81	Koren Robinson	WR	6-1	205	4	North Carolina State
82	Darrell Jackson	WR	6-0	201	5	Florida
83	Ryan Hannam	TE	6-2	248	3	Northern Iowa
84	Bobby Engram	WR	5-10	188	9	Penn State
85	Alex Bannister	WR	6-5	207	4	Eastern Kentucky
86	Jerramy Stevens	TE	6-7	260	3	Washington
88	Itula Mili	TE	6-4	260	8	BYU
90	Marcus Tubbs	DT	6-3	324	R	Texas
93	Craig Terrill	DT	6-2	294	R	Purdue
94	Chad Brown	LB	6-2	245	12	Colorado
95	Rashad Moore	DT	6-3	324	2	Tennessee
96	Grant Wistrom	DE	6-4	272	7	Nebraska
97	Brandon Mitchell	DE	6-3	290	8	Texas A&M
98	Cedric Woodard	DT	6-2	310	5	Texas
99	Rocky Bernard	DT	6-3	293	3	Texas A&M

SEAHAWKS DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE			
QB	8-Matt Hasselbeck	4-Trent Dilfer	15-Seneca Wallace
RB	37-Shaun Alexander	20-Maurice Morris	32-Kerry Carter
FB	38-Mack Strong	44-Heath Evans	
WR	81-Koren Robinson	80-Jerry Rice	85-Alex Bannister
WR	82-Darrell Jackson	84-Bobby Engram	18-D.J. Hackett
TE	86-Jerramy Stevens	88-Itula Mili	83-Ryan Hannam
LT	71-Walter Jones	77-Floyd Womack	75-Sean Locklear
LG	76-Steve Hutchinson	70-Jerry Wunsch	
C	61-Robbie Tobeck		
RG	62-Chris Gray	77-Floyd Womack	70-Jerry Wunsch
RT	72-Chris Terry	77-Floyd Womack	73-Wayne Hunter
DEFENSE			
LE	56-Chike Okeafor	97-Brandon Mitchell	
LT	98-Cedric Woodard	99-Rocky Bernard	93-Craig Terrill
RT	95-Rashad Moore	90-Marcus Tubbs	
RE	78-Antonio Cochran	96-Grant Wistrom (inj.)	
OLB	51-Anthony Simmons	59-Tracy White	
MLB	57-Orlando Huff	53-Niko Koutouvides	50-Solomon Bates
OLB	94-Chad Brown	59-Tracy White	58-Isaiah Kacyvenski
LCB	23-Marcus Trufant	42-Kris Richard	
SS	34-Terreal Bierria	28-Michael Boulware	
FS	26-Ken Hamlin	33-Marquand Manuel	
RCB	21-Ken Lucas	24-Bobby Taylor	
SPECIALISTS			
P	9-Donnie Jones		
K	3-Josh Brown		

Countdown to Kickoff

MIAMI DOLPHINS vs. SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

GAME FACTS

• **DATE**.....Nov. 21
 • **TIME**.....4:05 p.m.
 • **SITE**.....Qwest Stadium
 • **TV**.....CBS

THE SERIES

Seattle's move to the NFC means the teams now meet only once every four years, and the Seahawks probably are happy about this. The Dolphins have dominated this series, holding an 8-3 advantage that includes a 2-1 mark in the playoffs. Only four of the games have been played in Seattle, and the Dolphins won three of those. The only loss was a strike replacement game in 1987.

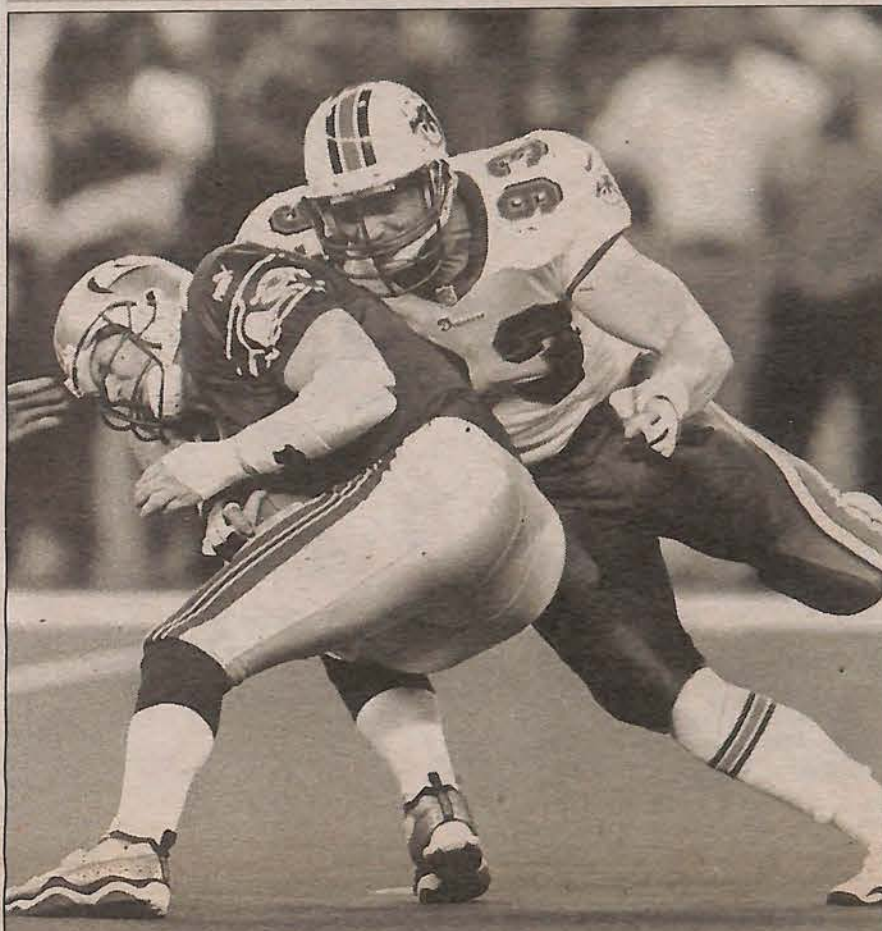
LAST MEETING

Like this season, the Dolphins were coming off a bye week when they traveled to Seattle on Oct. 28, 2001 and they came away with a 24-20 victory after Jay Fiedler hit James McKnight with a 39-yard touchdown pass with 6:16 left in the fourth quarter. The Dolphins clinched the victory when Fiedler gained 16 yards on a bootleg on third-and-13 with 1:44 left. Fiedler, who passed for 213 yards that day, also was the Dolphins' rushing leader with 41 yards on eight carries.

CONNECTIONS

Seattle starting right guard Chris Gray spent four seasons with the Dolphins after being a fifth-round pick in 1993.

SERIES SNAPSHOT



SACKING IN SEATTLE — Defensive end Trace Armstrong was the star when the Dolphins traveled to the old Kingdome and came away with a 20-17 victory over the Seahawks in the first round of the 1999 playoffs on Jan. 9, 2000. Armstrong came up with three of the Dolphins' six sacks that day to keep Miami close until J.J. Johnson scored on a 2-yard run with 4:48 left in the fourth quarter. Thanks largely to Armstrong's efforts, the Dolphins held Seattle to only 32 total yards in the second half, although an 85-yard kickoff return for a touchdown by future Dolphin Charlie Rogers gave Seattle a 17-10 lead in the third quarter.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

- **QB Matt Hasselbeck** — The quarterback the Dolphins really wanted in the spring of 2001 is coming off his first Pro Bowl season, but he has really struggled in 2004.
- **RB Shaun Alexander** — Among the NFL's rushing and scoring leaders, Alexander is one of the most versatile running backs in the league and a key to the Seattle offense.
- **WR Jerry Rice** — The future Hall of Famer is hoping to wind down his career in style after getting his wish and getting traded from Oakland to the Seahawks.
- **DE Chike Okeafor** — Okeafor, who wears a medallion around his neck with the word "chaos" on it, has delivered just that for opposing offenses as he ranks among the sack leaders in the NFC.

STAT OF THE WEEK

BYE, BYE, BYE

The Dolphins after their bye

Year	Opponent	Result
2003	at N.Y. Giants	W, 23-10
2002	at Green Bay	L, 10-24
2001	at Seattle	W, 24-20
2000	at N.Y. Jets	L, 37-40*
1999	Buffalo	L, 18-23
1998	at N.Y. Jets	L, 9-20
1997	Kansas City	W, 17-14
1996	Seattle	L, 15-22
1995	at Cincinnati	W, 23-10
1994	at New England	W, 23-3
1993	at Buffalo	W, 22-13
	Indianapolis	W, 41-27
1992	at Cleveland	W, 27-23
1991	at Indianapolis	W, 10-6
1990	New England	W, 17-10

WHEN THE DOLPHINS HAVE THE BALL

When they got off to a 3-0 start, the Seahawks were playing stellar defense, but things haven't been the same since the fourth-quarter collapse in the overtime loss to St. Louis. And now injuries have become an issue, with defensive end Grant Wistrom and cornerback Marcus Trufant among those affected. What Seattle has done very well this season on defense is forced turnovers — the Seahawks were tied for the NFL lead with 18 takeaways heading into last week's games. That's obviously something to watch given the Dolphins' propensity for turning the ball over this season. Seattle has been so-so against the run, and the Dolphins always want to run the ball.

WHEN THE SEAHAWKS HAVE THE BALL

The Seattle offense has a lot of weapons but has been inconsistent this season, mainly because of the up-and-down play of quarterback Matt Hasselbeck. But running back Shaun Alexander is headed to the Pro Bowl, and stopping him has to be the Dolphins' top priority. The Seahawks have talent in the receiving corps, notably tight end Jerramy Stevens, but injuries have been a problem and top threat Koren Robinson reportedly was staring at an NFL suspension. The Seattle offensive line is solid, and the matchup between left tackle Walter Jones and Dolphins defensive end Jason Taylor should be an interesting one.

Last Week

The Seahawks rebounded from a third-quarter deficit at San Francisco to pull away for a 42-27 victory. Matt Hasselbeck passed for three touchdowns, including two to Darrell Jackson, and Shaun Alexander rushed for 160 yards and two scores to lead a Seahawks offense that totaled 453 yards. While the Dolphins have their bye on Nov. 14, the Seahawks (5-3) will be playing at St. Louis.

THE COACHES

JIM BATES

As interim head coach, Bates will be trying to prove that he is worthy of consideration for the permanent head-coaching job in Miami. Bates' only other head-coaching experience in pro football came in 1985 with the San Antonio Gunslingers of the USFL.



MIKE HOLMGREN

One of the most successful head coaches in the NFL, Mike Holmgren is in his sixth season with the Seahawks. Holmgren, who guided Green Bay to a Super Bowl title in 1996, posted winning records in 10 of his first 12 seasons as head coach.



Last Word

“I believe Coach is a genius and he's going to find a way for us to win.”

— RB SHAUN ALEXANDER
ON MIKE HOLMGREN

Arizona 24, Miami 23



UP, UP AND AWAY — Sammy Morris dives over the top for a 1-yard touchdown that gave the Dolphins a 23-17 lead right after the two-minute warning in the fourth quarter.

Digest Photo/KEN KEIDEL

what went right

- The Dolphins caught a break when the officials flagged Derrius Thompson on a punt return for a low block, but then picked up the flag because they said Thompson's block started high and ended low. Replays showed Thompson actually should have been called for a block in the back.
- Yeremiah Bell made a great play on special teams when he jumped near the goal line and kept a punt from going into the end zone. Bell's play forced Arizona to start a drive from its own 2-yard line.
- After the Dolphins got a 24-yard gain on a reverse to Chris Chambers, Arizona figured it might have the same luck with wide receiver Bryant Johnson. But Jason Taylor was waiting on the back side and he dropped Johnson for a 7-yard loss.
- Arizona should have had an interception late in the second quarter when Jay Fiedler overthrew Chambers deep, but CB David Macklin dropped the ball.

what went wrong

- The Dolphins tried a shovel pass on their last drive of the first half, but the play called for left guard Jeno James to sprint to his right and pick up the outside pass rusher to the right of Jay Fiedler. James didn't get there quickly enough, and Calvin Pace's penetration disrupted the play and caused an incompleteness.
- The officials called a couple of highly questionable roughing-the-passer penalties on the Dolphins, and one of them nullified a Dolphins interception. Jason Taylor then made matters worse by incurring an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty for kicking the ball.
- The Dolphins were called for having 12 men in the huddle in the third quarter.
- The Dolphins caught a bad break when Patrick Surtain slipped while covering Larry Fitzgerald, leaving him open for a 32-yard gain in the fourth quarter.

fast facts

Dolphins' record: 1-8

This time last year: 5-4

Stat worth noting: More than half of Arizona's 270 yards on offense came on three plays — a 62-yard run by Troy Hambrick, a 32-yard pass to Larry Fitzgerald and a 48-yard pass to Fitzgerald.

Turning point: The Dolphins looked like they were going to escape with a victory when Jason Taylor sacked Josh McNown to put Arizona in an apparent fourth-and-goal situation from the 15, but Sam Madison was called for defensive holding on the play and that set up the Cardinals' game-winning TD.

Play to remember: The Dolphins went for it on fourth-and-inches from the Arizona 20 in a 3-3 game late in the first quarter. After faking a handoff, Fiedler hit fullback Rob Konrad in the flat and he had an easy pass to the end zone for a touchdown.

Play to forget: The Dolphins led 12-3 in the third quarter when A.J. Feeley's pass was tipped at the line of scrimmage and went right to cornerback Duane Starks, who returned the interception 41 yards for a touchdown that cut the lead to two.

Second-guessing time: The Dolphins had nickel corner Reggie Howard covering Fitzgerald on the winning touchdown. Why not have Madison and Patrick Surtain covering Fitzgerald and Anquan Boldin, easily Arizona's top two receivers.

what they said

"Open week, we will get the hell out of here and go do something worthwhile to help us refocus on the season."

— TE RANDY McMICHAEL

"It's very frustrating. That's been our M.O. this year. We seem like we find a way to give the game away."

— DE BRYAN ROBINSON

by the numbers

17: Consecutive games Arizona had lost on the road coming in. That was the longest active streak in the league.

8-0: The Dolphins' record against the Cardinals coming in.

403: Total yards by the Dolphins, their highest total since they gained 436 in a Monday night victory over Chicago Dec. 9, 2002.

9: The Dolphins' lead at halftime, which was their biggest of the season.



PLAYER of the WEEK

CHRIS CHAMBERS

WIDE RECEIVER

After Chris Chambers voiced his displeasure over not getting the ball often enough in the loss to the Jets, the Dolphins made sure to get him involved early and often last Sunday against Arizona.

Chambers caught three passes in the Dolphins' first two drives and he finished the day with seven receptions for 104 yards, his ninth career 100-yard game. For good measure, Chambers added a 24-yard gain on a reverse.

For his efforts, Chambers is the *Dolphin Digest* Player of the Week.

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QUARTERBACKS

The Dolphins got 258 yards passing from their two quarterbacks, including the first fourth-quarter rally of A.J. Feeley's short tenure with the team. Jay Fielder was off to one of his better games, hitting 12 of 21 for 129 yards and a score, but then an injury in the third quarter sidelined him for the game. Feeley gave up a quick touchdown on a tipped pass that was intercepted by Duane Starks. You can't blame Feeley for the interception, but you can blame him for the tip. No less than three of his passes were tipped. Feeley came back to complete a key third-and-8 play for 35 yards, setting up a go-ahead score late in the fourth quarter. His final numbers, though, were not impressive: 6 of 15 for 129 yards, one interception and a 43.5 quarterback rating. **Grade: C**

RUNNING BACKS

It was the best day of the season for the running backs as a group: Travis Minor finished with 90 yards and Sammy Morris with 56, including a 1-yard touchdown dive. All told, the Dolphins rushed for 168 yards, averaging 5.4 yards per carry. Minor was especially impressive, with runs of 34 and 27 yards. Fullback Rob Konrad caught his first TD pass of the season, a 20-yarder on a pass in the flat. **Grade: B**

RECEIVERS

The Dolphins made a commitment to get Chris Chambers the ball and it worked well. Chambers finished with seven catches for 104 yards, his long gain a nice 30-yard over-the-shoulder catch. Chambers also gained 24 yards on a reverse. However, he was shut down in the second half with only one catch. Chambers was also flagged once for holding. Marty Booker added four catches for 91 yards, his big play being the 35-yard

catch-and-run late in the fourth quarter that set up the go-ahead score. Booker also had a drop, as did Bryan Gilmore. Tight end Randy McMichael had his least productive day of the season with one catch for 16 yards. **Grade: B-**

OFFENSIVE LINE

The coordination on the run blocking was as good as it has been all season, but once again there were just too many crucial mistakes. Guard Taylor Whitley gave up a pair of sacks and tackle Damion McIntosh gave up one and was flagged once for a false start. Center Seth McKinney continues to do some good things and on a couple of long Minor runs opened a nice crease in the middle. But McIntosh and Whitley in particular are giving up too many costly plays. **Grade: C-**

DEFENSIVE LINE

Frustrated? Jason Taylor was flagged 15 yards for kicking the football in anger on an Arizona scoring drive. He also was flagged once for jumping offside. Although he put plenty of pressure on quarterback Josh McCown, he only got one sack for a 13-yard loss. Taylor finished with five tackles, one time stuffing a reverse for a 7-yard loss. Meanwhile, David Bowens got hit once with a false start and tackle Bryan Robinson was flagged for roughing the passer. Jeff Zgonina led all linemen with six tackles. **Grade: D**

LINEBACKERS

Eddie Moore started his first game in place of the injured Junior Seau and finished with three tackles. Other than overpursuing on a reverse, he did not make any crucial mistakes. Zach Thomas, as usual, led the Dolphins with 10 tackles, while Morlon Greenwood — taking over Seau's spot in the nickel defense — finished with four tackles. **Grade: C**

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Where do we start? With a crucial roughing-the-passer penalty on Patrick Surtain that replays showed wasn't really a penalty and negated an interception by Sammy Knight? With a 48-yard pass by Arizona late in the game that saw Surtain and Antuan Edwards on Larry Fitzgerald, only to allow the catch? That's a play the DBs have to make. With a killer of a holding call on Sam Madison in the end zone that put Arizona in position to win the game? With a dropped interception by Reggie Howard? Get the point. It wasn't a good day for the secondary, culminated by the game-winning catch given up by Howard, who let Fitzgerald jockey for position. This was supposed to be the strength of this team. Instead, there were breakdowns everywhere. **Grade: D**

SPECIAL TEAMS

Things started off promisingly when Eddie Moore forced a fumble and recovered it on the opening kickoff. But the good times didn't continue. Only hours after joining the team, Billy Gramatica botched an extra point that was the final margin of defeat. Gramatica also kicked field goals of 30, 29 and 28 yards. Jimmy Wyrick and Jeremiah Bell each had good and bad special teams plays. The good: Bell flagged down a punt inside the 2-yard line late in the game and Wyrick delivered a hard hit on Arizona punt returner Karl Williams. The bad: Wyrick was flagged for holding on a punt return and Bell was penalized for an illegal block in the back. Meanwhile, Wes Welker returned one punt for 20 yards and had a 25-yard kickoff return, not nearly enough against Arizona coverage teams susceptible to big returns. **Grade: C**

— Andy Cohen



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WEEK 9 Buffalo at Dolphins

MARINO'S STATS

19 of 28, 282 yards,
3 touchdowns, 3 interceptions

Setting the stage: Even though the Bills were entering the game at 0-8, the Dolphins had to be wary after squeaking out a 21-17 victory in their trip to Buffalo earlier in the season. Besides, despite being 8-0, the Dolphins had only a two-game lead over the Jets in the AFC East.

Final score: Miami 38, Buffalo 7

It came to pass: Marino completed passes to eight different receivers. ...

Mark Clayton was the receiving star with three catches for 106 yards and two touchdowns, including a 65-yarder in the first half. ... Marino's three interceptions were a season high. ... All three picks came in Buffalo territory, including two inside the Bills' 10-yard line. ... Marino had 249 yards passing at halftime. ... After the Dolphins went ahead 31-0, Marino was replaced by Don Strock at quarterback and Marino didn't attempt a pass in the fourth quarter.

The challenge ahead: The Jets' loss at New England left them at 6-3 as the Dolphins prepared to travel to New York to try to widen their AFC East lead.

CHASING THE RECORDS

Dan Marino's 1984 season totals compared to those who held the records for most passing yards (Dan Fouts, 1981), touchdowns (George Blanda, 1961 and Y.A. Tittle, 1963) and completions (Fouts, 1981). Bold indicates record Marino would break that season.

	Comp.	Att.	Yds.	TD	INT
Marino's season totals	185	278	2672	27	8
Fouts' 1981 season totals	198	344	2730	19	10
Blanda's 1961 season totals	96	201	1686	17	15
Tittle's 1963 season totals	140	224	1979	23	4

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Dan Marino's 282 yards against the Bills at the Orange Bowl all came in the first three quarters as the Dolphins put the game away early.

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Dear Overview:

So a lot of you got your wish. Coach Wannstedt is gone. Now what about the GM whose handpicked offensive line can't block a pee-wee team? What about the new interim coach whose defense hasn't made one crucial stop all year? Dave Wannstedt deserved better.

Bill Brzezinski
Toledo, Ohio

Dear Overview:

I know Dave Wannstedt is a good man and I respect him for that. But it was time for the Dolphins to move in another direction. Here's hoping the team doesn't embarrass itself down the stretch any more than it has already embarrassed itself.

The next coach of the Dolphins? I'd sure like to see Bob Stoops at Pro Player Stadium.

Robert Mingham
Orlando, Fla.

Dear Overview:

Now that the coach is gone, the next step is firing most of the team. Name me more than a couple of players who are actually having a good season. You can't, can you?

Sid Rogers
Miami, Fla.

Dear Overview:

Thanks to the Pittsburgh Steelers for single-handedly preserving the only "undefeated season" in NFL history. It was the only thing we are able to get excited about this season. Perhaps, at this point, we should not worry so much about how many games we will win this season but

? Dolphins Trivia ?

In each issue of Dolphin Digest, we will test your Dolphins knowledge with one trivia question. This is only for the most diehard of fans. See how well you do. The answer will appear in this space in the next issue of Dolphin Digest.

Question: With just 123 points in their first nine games, the Dolphins are on pace to break the fewest points in franchise history since the 16-game season went into effect in 1978. What is the fewest amount of points Miami has scored in a season since 1978?

Answer to the question in the last issue: Now that Arizona no longer is winless against the Dolphins, Carolina is the only team never to have beaten Miami. The Dolphins have won the two meetings between the teams (1998 and 2001).

about holding on to the No. 1 draft pick in April. I just hope we don't waste it on a third-string punt returner.

Ken Hayduck
Angola, Ind.

Dear Overview:

WE GOT SCREWED! That's the only way you can put it. That is the worst job of officiating that I have been unfortunate enough to watch! If I were the Dolphins, I would demand that the

league suspend and fine the head official for the crap call on roughing the QB.

Rick Sulzen
Casper, Wy.

Dear Overview:

Lest anyone think the Dolphins were going to do something after the Rams victory, don't fear, we are back on the path for a top five pick! Nothing like going out and completely embarrassing yourself and the entire Miami Dolphins franchise in front of a national television audience and having John Madden and Al Michaels search for something positive and finding absolutely nothing to say aside from the fact that "Shaq starts playing ball this week for the Heat."

Why is Donald Lee still on this team? He can't hang on to the ball or avoid stupid, drive-killing penalties to save his life. Just throw the ball to McMichael. He's a playmaker.

It's amazing how quickly the entire team crumbles like a house of cards at the first sign of some trouble in a game.

Michael A. Freeling, Esq.
Boca Raton, Fla.

Dear Overview:

Everyone, please listen up. With reference to a superstar named Ricky Williams, I have to say, whatever happened to second chances? The guy made a mistake, haven't you? I think that if he were to make a sincere apology privately to the team and follow the rules of the NFL, including the rules of his return, how could you not let a player of his caliber back on the team.

Jim DiMartino
Derby, Conn.

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WIZARD OF GRID

How stupid could I be! To think the Dolphins were a good bet against anybody makes me a candidate for the funny farm. You can be sure I won't make that same mistake again; however, I will guarantee you the Fish won't lose this week. The bye week saves them from another embarrassing defeat, but there are still seven games to see the flounder, flounder. Without the Dolphins on the schedule, I'll have to pick a fourth game for your perusal. Last week, my picks on this page were 2-2 and for the season I now stand at 17-18-1 versus the opening line.

Here are my top selections for week No. 10 of the NFL season:

★★★★ **Chicago (3-5) at Tennessee (3-5)** — The Titans won an important game over Cincinnati just before their bye week. Now, Steve McNair has had two weeks to get healthy and lead his team to a win over the Bears. The Titans face a three-game road trip after this one and Jeff Fisher will make sure his team is aware of the importance of this game. His teams in the past have underperformed early in the year but have come back to post a winning season. I see the same thing happening this season, and a big spread-covering win over the Bears will be the first step. Lay the points with confidence and get ready to double your money. **Tennessee, 28-17.**

★★ **Kansas City (3-5) at New Orleans (3-5)** — The best advice I can give you on this game is to take the "over" as soon as possible. The number will be close to 60, but these two could combine for over 100! Two of the very

worst defenses playing in a dome should be exciting, if nothing else. Now, about who will win the game. The Chiefs play bad defense but not as bad as the Saints. San Diego was never stopped last week against the Saints and I see the same thing happening here. **Kansas City, 55-45.**

★★ **Cincinnati (3-5) at Washington (3-5)** — Another game between two teams trying to make strides toward a winning record. The difference between the two gets down to coaching, defense and the home field. In all three categories, the Redskins have the advantage. Joe Gibbs is better than Marvin Lewis. The Redskins have the No. 1-rated defense in the league as compared to the 20-something-rated Bengals defense. The game is at D.C.'s FedEx Field and the Bengals are winless away from home. That should be enough to convince you to take the Redskins minus the short price. You'll be glad you did! **Washington, 24-13.**

★★ **Buffalo (3-5) at New England (7-1)** — The Bills have been playing good football and could have a winning record right now. They were in the first game against the Patriots, before a couple of late turnovers did them in. The Patriots came back from their loss to the Steelers by beating the Rams but will be in for a battle here in the Sunday nighter. This game will be hard-fought and close, with the Bills having a real chance for the upset. In the end, their effort will fall short but you will have won by taking the plus side. **New England, 24-21.**

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Sun. Nov. 14 ★ Week 10

OPENING LINE

BALTIMORE RAVENS P-10:00 AM C-12:00 PM E-1:00 PM NEW YORK JETS CBS	1½			
PITTSBURGH STEELERS P-10:00 AM C-12:00 PM E-1:00 PM CLEVELAND BROWNS CBS	4			
HOUSTON TEXANS P-10:00 AM C-12:00 PM E-1:00 PM INDIANAPOLIS COLTS CBS	7			
CHICAGO BEARS P-10:00 AM C-12:00 PM E-1:00 PM TENNESSEE TITANS FOX	5½			
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS P-10:00 AM C-12:00 PM E-1:00 PM ATLANTA FALCONS FOX	4			
DETROIT LIONS P-10:00 AM C-12:00 PM E-1:00 PM JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS FOX	3½			
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS P-10:00 AM C-12:00 PM E-1:00 PM ST. LOUIS RAMS FOX	1½			
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS P-10:00 AM C-12:00 PM E-1:00 PM NEW ORLEANS SAINTS CBS	3			
CINCINNATI BENGALS P-1:15 PM C-3:15 PM E-4:05 PM WASHINGTON REDSKINS CBS	3			
MINNESOTA VIKINGS P-1:05 PM C-3:05 PM E-4:15 PM GREEN BAY PACKERS FOX	4			
NEW YORK GIANTS P-1:15 PM C-3:15 PM E-4:15 PM ARIZONA CARDINALS FOX	3			
CAROLINA PANTHERS P-1:15 PM C-3:15 PM E-4:15 PM SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS FOX	1			
BUFFALO BILLS P-8:35 PM C-7:35 PM E-8:35 PM NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS ESPN	8½			

Monday, November 15, 2004

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES P-6:05 PM C-8:05 PM E-9:05 PM DALLAS COWBOYS ABC	5			
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